Rs. 200—480/- per year. Delhi Administration does not have powers at present to check charging of such fees by private schools. However, Delhi Administration can ensure that funds collected in shape of fees and other charges by unaided recognised schools are utilized for the purpose for which they are collected.

Raising the age limit for Indian Forest Service Examination

1811. SHRI SURENDRA SINGH THAKUR: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the age limit for Indian Forest Service Examination had been reduced from 28 years to 26 years in the past;

(b) if so, whether Government propose to raise the upper age limit for I.F.S. from 26 to 28 years in consonance with Government's decision in the case of Civil Services Examination, 1990; and

(c) if so, by when?

THE PRIME MINISTER (SHRI VISHWANATH PRATAP SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The upper age limit for the IFS has since been raised. For the 1990 examination, the upper age limit is 31 years for the general candidates. It would be 28 years from 1991 onwards.

Allocation for Chandaka Elephant Sanctuary

1812. SHRI JAGADISH JANI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 860 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 20th March, 1990 and the steps Government have taken to increase the allocation during 1990-91 for Chandaka Elephant Sanctuary in Orissa?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI MATI MENEKA GANDHI): Proposals for assistance for the Chandaka Elephant Sanctuary for 1990-91 are not received from the State Government of Orissa.

Indigenisation in the area of film technology/equipments

1813.SHRI M. A. BABY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what are the plans of the Department for indigenisation in the Area of Film Technology/Equipments, where crores of rupees are spent on import of Equipments and spares; and

(b) whether the proposals presented by C-DIT, Arivandrum for project for nidigenisation in the area of film technology/equipment has been considered by Government, if so, the response thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (PROF. M. G. K. MENON): (a) and (b) Department of Electronics has sanctioned grants-in-aid to the Centre for Development of Imagine Technology (C-DIT), Trivandrum under its Technology Development Council (TDC) programme to support the indigenous efforts from the angle of development of hardware and software in the area of film technology. Out of the sanctioned amount of Rs. 77 lakhs as one time support, Rs. 40 lakhs has already been released.

Finalisation of electronic policy for Eighth Five Year Plan

1814. SHRI M. A. BABY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Electronic Policy for the Eighth Five Year Plan has been finalised?

(b) if so, whether there is any proposal to take up Research and Development

Programme in High-Technology areas like High Definition T.V., Digital Video etc.: and

(c) what are the R & D organisations identified for this purpose by the task force on Electronics Policy?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (PROF. M. G. K. MENON): (a) The broad framework of Government Policy in the field of electronics is based on the objectives of promoting a strong self-reliant indigenous base, increasing technology development and upgradation and building up appropriate infrastructure and qualified manpower. The policy framework has accordingly been and will be an evolutionary process which would be followed during the Eighth Plan also.

(b) and (c) Within the above broad framework the Working Group on Electronics Industry set up by the Planning Commission for the formulation of the Eighth Plan, have identified a number of Thrust Areas. However, details of outlays schemes priorities etc. for the Eighth Plan have yet to be finalised.

Introduction of Leave Encashment Facilities for Central Government Employees

1815. SHRI N. E. BALARAM: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to introduce leave encashment facility for the Central Government employees during service period; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard and by when orders to this effect are likely to be issued?

THE PRIME MINISTER (SHRI VISHWANATH PRATAP SINGH): (a) and (b) The Board of Arbitration set up under the Scheme for Joint Consultative Machinery and Compulsory Arbitration for Central Government Employees (JCM Schemes) has given an Award for the grant of the facility of encashment of earned leave while in service to Central Government employes from 1st April 1989 subject to certain conditions. The Award is being processed in Govt. in accordance with the prescribed procedure. A decision in the matter will be taken early.

आंगनवाड़ी कार्यकर्ताओं का वेतन/मानदेय

1816. श्री **राम जेठमलानी** : क्या प्रधान मंत्री 14 मार्च, 1990 को राज्य सभा में अतारांकित प्रश्न 98 के दिये गये उत्तर को देखेंगे और यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) प्रारम्भ में आंगनवाड़ी कार्यकर्ताओं का वेतन तथा मानदेय कब निर्धारित किया गया था ;

(ख) क्या आंगनवाड़ी कार्यकर्ताओं के संगठन ने हाल ही में अपने पारिश्रमिक को बढ़ाये जाने की मांग करते हुए सरकार को एक मांग-पत्र प्रस्तुत किया है; और

(ग) यदि हां, तो इस संबंध में सरकार की क्या प्रतिक्रिया है ?

विज्ञान और प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री साथ में मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्रालय में शिक्षा विभाग में राज्य मंत्री का अतिरिक्त प्रभार (प्रो० एम० जी० के० मेनन) : (क) आंगनवाड़ी कार्यकर्ताओं और सहायिकाओं के मानदेय की दरें प्रारम्भ में अगस्त, 1975 में निर्धारित की गई थीं जबकि समेकित बाल विकास सेवा (आई०सी०डी०एस०) योजना शुरू की गई थी ।

(ख) जी, हां ।

(ग) मामला विचाराधीन है ।